## **ACES** \(\sigma\) Acton Citizens for Environmental Safety

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Chairman Dore' Hunter Acton Board of Selectmen 472 Main Street Acton, MA 01720

Dear Dore',

I am writing to you with an invitation and a request from ACES to the Acton Board of Selectmen.

As I mentioned in a recent phone call, ACES (Acton Citizens for Environmental Safety) is planning a celebration in honor of Charlotte Sagoff and Bob Eisengrein for Sunday, November 14, 2004; 5-7pm at the New View Common House on Half Moon Hill in Acton. On behalf of ACES, I invite you and the other Selectmen to the celebration. Would the Board of Selectmen also be willing to provide a written expression of appreciation from the Town to both Charlotte and Bob for all they have contributed to Acton?

As you know, both Charlotte and Bob have contributed their time, efforts, energy, and intellect to the Acton community for many years. Both are past presidents of ACES and have been intimately involved with the WR Grace Site---strongly advocating for a thorough investigation and cleanup of the site, including the underlying aquifer that supplies drinking water to Acton. It is my understanding that Charlotte also served as a member of the Acton Board of Health, a member of the McCarthy-Towne School Council, and founded Acton's Earth Day celebrations. In addition to his ACES work, Bob found time to work in the Acton Health Department, and coauthored a paper related to water quality, with Acton Health Department staff. I am sure Charlotte and Bob also contributed to Acton in many additional ways.

At the celebration we hope that Charlotte and Bob will be presented with expressions of appreciation from many members of their community, including the Acton Board of Selectmen, Acton Water District, Senator Pam Resor on behalf of the Massachusetts Legislature, ACES, and individual friends and colleagues. ACES has donated two books in their honor to the Acton Memorial Library (Having Faith: An Ecologist's Journey to Motherhood by Sandra Steingraber in honor of Charlotte; and Priceless: On Knowing the Price of Everything and the Value of Nothing; by Lisa Heinzerling, in honor of Bob.)

Dore', you said that often with a request such as ours the petitioner provides draft wording for a certificate or the equivalent. So I offer the following, as hopefully a useful suggestion, for the two documents:

The Town of Acton extends its deepest appreciation to
Charlotte Sagoff [Bob Eisengrein]
for her [his] determination, persistence, and dedication in advocating/working for
the protection of Acton's drinking water, public health, and the environment.

With gratitude,

If possible I would like to come before you at an upcoming Board of Selectmen meeting, to make this request and/or to announce this celebration to the community at large (during Citizen's Concerns??).

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

May S. Michelman

Sincerely,

Mary S. Michelman ACES, President